

926 Grant Ave
Rockford Ills
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My dear Dr Watson:-

I have put together
a small parcel of Willows for the
Harvard Herb. but before sending
I wish to ask of you if I may
include under the same wrapper
a thin parcel for Rev. Will you
be sending anything to Rev
before long? The Smithsonian
channel is quite cut off from
ordinary mortals of late years.
If you should be sending and
presuming that if so you will
kindly put in my little
package etc I would like to
inquire of you if there would
be any impropriety in my

requesting that some of the
specimens be submitted to Mr Baker
for comparison with types in the
Kew Herb. - I have always corres-
ponded directly with Mr Baker
indeed, ^{the beginning of} our correspondence dates
may back to the days when he
was Curator of the Thirst Bot. Ex. Club,
since the retirement of Sir J. D. Hooker
I have had no correspondence with
the Director. Please give me Mr
Whistler-Dyars full address.

I do not forget that I have
still in my possession some
Glaucoide and Arctic Willows of the
Gray Herb. These I will send later
in a box by express. I am not
yet quite ready to part with
them - Fact is I am vexed to
think that this group of American
Glaucoide so baffles me - I have
tried lumping and I have tried
segregating with equally unsatisfactory

results, I have written the whole
matter out and after a month
come back in a different mood
convinced that my work was
"good for nix" - The Longifoliae and
forms of S. cordata are not far
behind. I had hoped that if I
only got material enough together
by & by certain lines of cleavage,
so to speak, would become evident
- but the more I get the worse
the muddle. I look with envy
upon some of Regel's work and I say
to myself, now this shall be a
model for me, and I will go and
do something in the same style
with intergrading groups of Willows -
but somehow I never can make
it work -

Accept my thanks - none

the less cordial for being, so
long delayed - for a copy of
your last "Contributions"

I know that you must be
burdened with a large correspon-
dence and have rather shrank
from adding the proverbial straw

Yours as ever
M. L. Debb